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To whom it may concern,

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I would like to express my concern regarding the obstacles to the final settlement in the Microsoft case. It is my deepest belief, that the general public and the economy of our country will benefit from the expedite finalization of this case. Microsoft is a successful company that in not insignificant way has contributed to the computer revolution. I feel that attempts to restrict the further growth of Microsoft serve primarily a very narrow segment of our society that comprises those of Microsoft competitors who are not innovative enough but still would like to impose their un-competitive products on the public and collect un-deserved profits.

Being a cancer research scientist, I need efficient software and powerful computers for all aspects of my professional activities. I see very acutely, that it was Microsoft, who has brought us the badly needed software tools at reasonable prices. This in turn has precipitated the never-ending progression in computer hardware power and the development of new scientific instruments that enormously increased our capacity and accelerated biomedically-oriented research. Microsoft has become pseudo-"monopolist" only because its customers voted for its products with their wallets, like I did. Having restricted funds for research, coming in part from taxpayers, it was always my concern to stretch my research dollars by buying quality software, both operating systems and applications. With my purchases, I have voted for innovation and efficiency. Microsoft has responded to my needs over the years in terms of both quality and affordability.

My cancer research laboratory is not an exception. In thousands of laboratories, Microsoft products contribute to the ongoing biological revolution that is already benefiting our lives. Let Microsoft continue to innovate in their specialty, software, because their today's innovations will give us scientist tomorrow new cutting edge tools. Let them continue to develop comprehensive operating systems that will work as smoothly as possible with their application software, because this will save us all money and will increase our efficiency and productivity. Let them donate computers to schools. It will not strengthen Microsoft "monopoly" . To the contrary - some of these kids will get a chance to become Microsoft competitors - and this will benefit all of us.

I feel that it is in the best interest of American science and American society that the infamous Microsoft case is finally closed according to the terms of the agreed settlement. I urge you to accelerate your efforts in that direction.

With regards,

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